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1. Large amounts of German artillery ammunition (75, 88, 105, 210 MM) are stored in Alexanderstall Potassium Mines at Abterode (H-59) and Dippach (H-62) near the US-Russian Zone border. Local residents have been conscripted to clean and grease the ammunition. Some ammunition was re-stacked in the mines, some was shipped to an unknown destination. It is rumored that the destination was Stettin. Shipments have been made for about one year.
2. The mines are closely guarded by eighty "Stalin Pupils" and twenty Thuringian police. All workers are searched. Transports are under Soviet and German guard. The Thuringian Police Transport Service is under Oberkommissar Launicke in Erfurt.   Comment: Any reference to "Stalin Pupils" should be treated with reserve. This is their first appearance in reports in several months. There is no proof that they were ever brought into the Russian Zone.)
3. The mines also contain Wehrmacht hospital supplies such as bandages, drugs, and instruments. Some medicine is occasionally stolen for the blackmarket.

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